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## **IDAHO WATER SUPPLY COMMITTEE** SETS FIRST MEETING FOR JAN. 20

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Idaho Water Supply Committee experts will meet in Boise January 20 to take a look at the season's first comprehensive estimate of the state's water supply prospects for 2004, the Idaho Department of Water Resources announced today.

With three years of drought behind it and facing the prospects of a fourth, water supply outlooks are crucial to water users that must try to develop farming, recreation and other business strategies for the coming year.

The Committee will meet at 9:00 a.m. on January 20 (Tuesday) at the IDWR State Office, 1301 N. Orchard Street. The meeting is open to the public.

The Water Supply Committee was established in the late 1980s during Idaho's worst continuing drought. It includes water managers and hydrology experts from both the public and private sector involved in various elements of water data collection and water management. The Water Supply Committee provides a central forum at which the individual pieces of the water supply outlook can be developed into a comprehensive overall picture for 2004.

The meeting is being held in a facility that meets the accessibility requirements of the Americans With Disabilities Act. If you special assistance, please contact Bill Ondrechen, (208) 327-7988, in advance so arrangements can be made.